

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DAVID SANDERS
ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF
HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
HB1399, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS—CROSS-SEX HORMONE THERAPY
FOR MINORS--PROHIBITION
MARCH 11, 2025
POSITION: UNFAVORABLE**

My name is David Sanders. I am a resident of Howard County. I am presenting written testimony on behalf of myself as a concerned citizen.

I oppose House Bill 1399, Health Occupations—Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors--Prohibition. This bill is nothing more than an anti-transgender piece of legislation that seeks to remedy an issue that is best addressed between a child, in conjunction with that child's parent(s) or guardian(s), and the child's medical provider. One cannot legislate how the medical profession should address the unique circumstances surrounding a child who is experiencing gender dysphoria, a widely-recognized medical and mental health condition. Each child experiencing gender dysphoria has their own specific needs that require a unique and individualized approach by the medical profession. Attempts to legislatively box-in such a child's authentic gender identity by denying them the medical treatment they deserve and need is a recipe for perpetuating the psychic and physical harm that the child may be experiencing.

In conclusion, I urge this Committee to reject HB1399 in recognition of the harm it will cause children struggling with gender dysphoria who need a valid medical remedy administered by a medical provider who is not being threatened with criminal punishment that could result in life imprisonment for obeying their oath to aid others.

I urge an unfavorable report.